

House Amendment 2014

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1 1 Amend Senate File 588, as amended, passed, and
1 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
1 3 #1. Page 15, by inserting after line 4 the
1 4 following:
1 5 <Sec. _____. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION == SCHOOL
1 6 ACCREDITATION STANDARDS TASK FORCE. The director of
1 7 the department of education shall convene a school
1 8 accreditation standards task force to review and make
1 9 recommendations to update the current school
1 10 accreditation standards as specified in section
1 11 256.11. The task force shall review the existing
1 12 minimum accreditation standards and develop
1 13 recommendations that will bring the current standards
1 14 up to the standards required for the 21st century and
1 15 to prepare all students to continue their education
1 16 beyond grade twelve. The nine-member task force shall
1 17 consist of the director of the department of education
1 18 or the director's designee, the president of the state
1 19 board of education or the president's designee, the
1 20 executive director of the board of educational
1 21 examiners or the executive director's designee, and
1 22 the following members appointed by the named entity or
1 23 entities:
1 24 1. A member representing the Iowa school board
1 25 association.
1 26 2. A member representing the Iowa state education
1 27 association.
1 28 3. A member representing the school administrators
1 29 of Iowa.
1 30 4. A member representing Iowa parent teacher
1 31 organizations.
1 32 5. A member representing the area education
1 33 agencies.
1 34 6. A member representing accredited nonpublic
1 35 schools.
1 36 The task force shall submit its findings and
1 37 recommendations in a report to the general assembly by
1 38 January 15, 2009.>
1 39 #2. Page 25, by inserting after line 14 the
1 40 following:
1 41 <Sec. _____. Section 256.9, Code 2007, is amended by
1 42 adding the following new subsection:
1 43 NEW SUBSECTION. 55. Establish and maintain a
1 44 process and a procedure, in cooperation with the board
1 45 of educational examiners, to compare a practitioner's
1 46 teaching assignment with the license and endorsements
1 47 held by the practitioner. The director may report
1 48 noncompliance issues identified by this process to the
1 49 board of educational examiners pursuant to section
1 50 272.15, subsection 3.>
2 1 #3. Page 39, by inserting after line 4 the
2 2 following:
2 3 <Sec. _____. Section 272.15, Code 2007, is amended
2 4 to read as follows:
2 5 272.15 ~~SCHOOL REPORTING REQUIREMENT REQUIREMENTS~~
2 6 == COMPLAINTS.
2 7 1. The board of directors of a school district or
2 8 area education agency, the superintendent of a school
2 9 district or the chief administrator of an area
2 10 education agency, and the authorities in charge of a
2 11 nonpublic school shall report to the board the
2 12 nonrenewal or termination, for reasons of alleged or
2 13 actual misconduct, of a person's contract executed
2 14 under sections 279.12, 279.13, 279.15 through 279.21,
2 15 279.23, and 279.24, and the resignation of a person
2 16 who holds a license, certificate, or authorization
2 17 issued by the board as a result of or following an
2 18 incident or allegation of misconduct that, if proven,
2 19 would constitute a violation of the rules adopted by
2 20 the board to implement section 272.2, subsection 14,
2 21 paragraph "b", subparagraph (1), when the board or
2 22 reporting official has a good faith belief that the
2 23 incident occurred or the allegation is true.
2 24 Information reported to the board in accordance with

2 25 this section is privileged and confidential, and
2 26 except as provided in section 272.13, is not subject
2 27 to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal
2 28 compulsion for its release to a person other than the
2 29 respondent and the board and its employees and agents
2 30 involved in licensee discipline, and is not admissible
2 31 in evidence in a judicial or administrative proceeding
2 32 other than the proceeding involving licensee
2 33 discipline. The board shall review the information
2 34 reported to determine whether a complaint should be
2 35 initiated. In making that determination, the board
2 36 shall consider the factors enumerated in section
2 37 272.2, subsection 14, paragraph "a". For purposes of
2 38 this section, unless the context otherwise requires,
2 39 "misconduct" means an action disqualifying an
2 40 applicant for a license or causing the license of a
2 41 person to be revoked or suspended in accordance with
2 42 the rules adopted by the board to implement section
2 43 272.2, subsection 14, paragraph "b", subparagraph (1).

2 44 2. If, in the course of performing official
2 45 duties, an employee of the department becomes aware of
2 46 any alleged misconduct by an individual licensed under
2 47 this chapter, the employee shall report the alleged
2 48 misconduct to the board of educational examiners under
2 49 rules adopted pursuant to subsection 1.

2 50 3. If the executive director of the board verifies
3 1 through a review of official records that a teacher
3 2 who holds a practitioner's license under this chapter
3 3 is assigned instructional duties for which the teacher
3 4 does not hold the appropriate license or endorsement,
3 5 either by grade level or subject area, by a school
3 6 district or accredited nonpublic school, the executive
3 7 director may initiate a complaint against the teacher
3 8 and the administrator responsible for the
3 9 inappropriate assignment of instructional duties.>

3 10 #4. Page 39, by inserting after line 18 the
3 11 following:

3 12 <Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 279.43 REPORTING
3 13 INAPPROPRIATE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS.

3 14 An employee licensed by the board of educational
3 15 examiners and holding a contract as described in
3 16 section 279.13 shall disclose any occurrence of a
3 17 teaching assignment for which that employee is not
3 18 properly licensed to the school official responsible
3 19 for determining teaching assignments. Failure of the
3 20 employee to disclose this occurrence or failure of the
3 21 school official responsible for determining teaching
3 22 assignments to make appropriate adjustments to the
3 23 employee's teaching assignment once the employee
3 24 discloses the occurrence shall constitute an incident
3 25 of misconduct as provided in section 272.2, subsection
3 26 14, and is actionable by the board. If the school
3 27 official fails to make appropriate adjustments to the
3 28 teaching assignment once disclosure by the employee is
3 29 made, the employee shall report this occurrence to the
3 30 department or to the board for further action.>

3 31 #5. Page 41, by inserting after line 30 the
3 32 following:

3 33 <Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 279.66 DISCIPLINE AND
3 34 PERSONAL CONDUCT STANDARDS.

3 35 The board of directors of a school district shall
3 36 review and modify existing policies related to student
3 37 discipline and student conduct that are designed to
3 38 promote responsible behavior on school property and at
3 39 school functions in order that the policy shall govern
3 40 the conduct of students, teachers and other school
3 41 personnel, and visitors; provide opportunities for
3 42 students to exercise self-discipline and practice
3 43 cooperative classroom behavior; and encourage students
3 44 and practitioners to model fairness, equity, and
3 45 respect. The policy shall specify the
3 46 responsibilities of students, parents and guardians,
3 47 and practitioners in creating an atmosphere where all
3 48 individuals feel a sense of respect, safety, and
3 49 belonging, and shall set forth the consequences for
3 50 unacceptable behavior. The policy shall be published
4 1 in the student handbook.>

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